

# Purpose and Need

## Purpose

- Improve intercity travel and mobility between Atlanta and Charlotte by expanding the region's transportation capacity and reliability
- Become an extension of the SEHSR connecting cities in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina to Washington D.C. and the Northeast Corridor
- Promote economic development and job creation through improved connectivity

## Need

- The corridor is facing future mobility challenges that could have a negative impact on the regional economies in the corridor
  - Interstates are operating at or near capacity
- Social and economic demands will require alternative transportation choices
  - High-speed rail offers a reliable, comfortable alternative to business and non-business travelers that is competitive in travel time, convenient, and safe